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Reply to Examiner's Action dated 11/02/2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-21 in the application and added Claims 22-30 in a preliminary amendment. In a previous response and a preliminary amendment, the Applicants amended Claims 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22, 24 and 29, canceled Claim 23 without prejudice or disclaimer and added Claims 31-32.

The Examiner indicates that dependent Claims 2, 9 and 16 include allowable subject matter. To expedite issuance of the present application, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 8 and 15 and have canceled Claims 2, 9, 16, 22 and 24-32 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,267,261 to Blakenley, *et al.* The rejection, however, is now moot since independent Claims 1, 8 and 15 include allowable subject matter. Thus, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection with respect to Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21 and allow issuance thereof.

II. Rejection of Claims 22, 24, 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejected Claims 22, 24, 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,122,291 to Robinson, *et al.* (Robinson). The rejection, however, is now moot since Claims 22, 24, 28 and 30 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The

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Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the § 102 rejection with respect to Claims 22, 24, 28 and 30 and allow issuance of the pending claims.

III. Rejection of Claims 25-27, 29 and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 25-27, 29 and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Robinson in view of either: US Patent No. 6,122,291 to Frodigh, *et al.*, US Patent No. 6,122,291 to Felix, *et al.* or Blakenley. The rejection, however, is now moot since Claims 25-27, 29 and 31-32 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §103 rejection with respect to Claims 25-27, 29 and 31-32 and allow issuance of the pending claims.

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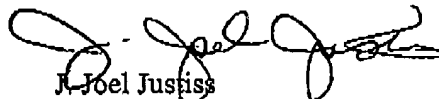
IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1, 3-8, 10-15 and 17-21.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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